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DRAFT PROPOSALS TO NATO RE DEFENSE PRINCIPLES

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1. DURING OCTOBER 5 CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SPRINGSTEEN FOR DISCUSSION EC DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, UK DCM RICHARD SYKES STRESSED THAT BRITISH VIEW FRENCH PROPOSALS IN NATO AS A SIGNIFICANT EVENT. WHILE THE U.K. REALIZES THE U.S. AND OTHER NON-COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL PROBABLY WANT TO SEE CHANGES MADE IN THE DRAFT, THEY FEEL CERTAIN ASPECTS OF PAPER INDICATE THAWING TREND IN FRENCH ATTITUDES TOWARD THE ORGANIZATION. U.K. RECEIVED THE PAPER WITH BOTH PLEASURE AND SURPRISE. THE U.K. BELIEVES THE

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PAPER SHOULD BE TREATED AS SIGNIFICANT.

2. IN REPLY TO SYKES' QUERY RE U.S. REACTION, SPRINGSTEEN REPLIED THAT WE SHARED BRITISH FEELINGS AND HOPED THAT WE COULD BUILD ON THE FRENCH SUGGESTIONS. THE PAPER IS UNDER CLOSE STUDY AND WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE COMMENTS READY WHEN DISCUSSIONS RESUME NEXT WEEK. SYKES WONDERED IF THE US PLANNED TO INTRODUCE A DRAFT OF ITS OWN. SPRINGSTEEN RESPONDED THAT WE DID NOT, SINCE WE FELT THAT THERE WAS A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS ALREADY ON THE TABLE. KISSINGER

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